

Act of 2003 to include California in the program, and for other purposes; H.R. 4340, the “SALAMANDER Act of 2019”; H.R. 4341, the “Critically Endangered Animals Act of 2019”; and H.R. 4348, the “PAW and FIN Conservation Act of 2019”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform*, Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy, hearing entitled “Don’t Vape: Examining the Outbreak of Lung Disease and CDC’s Urgent Warning Not to Use E-Cigarettes”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process, hearing entitled “Building Resilient Communities for America’s Future [Original Jurisdiction Hearing]”, 2:45 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2203, the “Homeland Security Improvement Act” [Further consideration]; and H.R. 3525, the “U.S. Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act”, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Work”, 4 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “Challenges and Opportunities for Commuter Railroads”, 4 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 24 through  
September 27, 2019

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Joseph Cella, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu, Department of State, and vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Joseph Cella, Daniel Habib Jorjani, of Kentucky, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, and David Fabian Black, of North Dakota, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, at 11:30 a.m.

At 3:30 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Brian McGuire, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, and if cloture having been invoked, on confirmation of the nominations of Joseph Cella, Daniel Habib Jorjani, and David Fabian Black.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry*: September 25, to hold hearings to examine perspectives on the livestock and poultry sectors, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Appropriations*: September 24, Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup an original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

September 24, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, 10 a.m., SD-192.

September 24, Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, business meeting to markup an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

September 26, Full Committee, business meeting to markup an original bill making appropriations for Interior, Environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, an original bill making appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, an original bill making appropriations for Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and an original bill making appropriations for Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Armed Services*: September 25, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense cyber operations, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*: September 25, to hold hearings to examine facilitating faster payments in the United States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*: September 24, Subcommittee on Aviation and Space, to hold hearings to examine improving air traffic control for the American people, focusing on examining the current system, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine fishery failures, focusing on improving the disaster declaration and relief process, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*: September 25, business meeting to consider S. 334, to authorize the construction of the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System and study of the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System in the States of Montana and North Dakota, S. 607, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to address insufficient compensation of employees and other personnel of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, S. 860, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify the terms of the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in Colorado,

S. 990, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program First Increment Extension for threatened and endangered species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin, S. 1570, to provide flexibility to allow greater aquifer recharge, S. 1602, to amend the United States Energy Storage Competitiveness Act of 2007 to establish a research, development, and demonstration program for grid-scale energy storage systems, S. 1751, to amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to authorize pumped storage hydropower development utilizing multiple Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs, S. 1758, to extend a repayment contract relating to the Purgatoire River Water Conservancy District and to authorize the District to develop an excess capacity contract to offset repayment costs, S. 1821, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to provide for research on, and the development and deployment of, marine energy, S. 1882, to make available the continued use of Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program project use power by the Kinsey Irrigation Company and the Sidney Water Users Irrigation District, S. 1931, to require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration to establish a pilot project to provide increased transparency for customers, S. 2044, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to establish an Aging Infrastructure Account, to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to provide additional funds under that Act, to establish a review of flood control rule curves pilot project within the Bureau of Reclamation, S. 2094 and H.R. 2114, bills to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide Federal financial assistance to States to implement, review, and revise State energy security plans, S. 2095, to provide for certain programs and developments in the Department of Energy concerning the cybersecurity and vulnerabilities of, and physical threat to, the electric grid, S. 2137, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, S. 2300, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to establish a program to incentivize innovation and to enhance the industrial competitiveness of the United States by developing technologies to reduce emissions of nonpower industrial sectors, S. 2332, to provide for the modernization of the electric grid, S. 2333, to provide for enhanced energy grid security, S. 2334, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish the 21st Century Energy Workforce Advisory Board, S. 2335, to accelerate smart building development, and H.R. 1420, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* September 25, business meeting to consider S. 2260, to provide for the improvement of domestic infrastructure in order to prevent marine debris, S. 2099, to redesignate the Sullys Hill National Game Preserve in the State of North Dakota as the White Horse Hill National Game Preserve, the nominations of Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, and Katherine Andrea Lemos, of California, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and

Hazard Investigation Board, and to be Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, and 8 General Services Administration resolutions, 9:15 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* September 24, Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism, to hold hearings to examine key findings from the Syria Study Group report, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine United States policy in Mexico and Central America, focusing on ensuring effective policies to address the crisis at the border, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

September 25, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1590, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to authorize rewards for thwarting wildlife trafficking linked to transnational organized crime, S. 1678, to express United States support for Taiwan's diplomatic alliances around the world, S. 1838, to amend the Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992, S. 2372, to enhance global engagement to combat marine debris, S. 2503, to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, S. Res. 183, reaffirming the vital role of the United States-Japan alliance in promoting peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond, S. Res. 236, reaffirming the strong partnership between Tunisia and the United States and supporting the people of Tunisia in their continued pursuit of democratic reforms, S. Res. 277, remembering the 25th Anniversary of the bombing of the Argentine Israelite Mutual Association (AMIA) Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and recommitting to efforts to uphold justice for the 85 victims of the attacks, S. Res. 318, to support the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and the Sixth Replenishment, and other pending calendar business, 1:30 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

September 26, Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine the Hong Kong emergency, focusing on securing freedom, autonomy, and human rights, 10:45 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* September 24, business meeting to consider the nomination of Eugene Scalia, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* September 25, to hold hearings to examine countering domestic terrorism, focusing on the evolving threat, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Judiciary:* September 24, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine competition in digital technology markets, focusing on acquisitions of nascent or potential competitors by digital platforms, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

September 26, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2132, to promote security and provide justice for United States victims of international terrorism, S.

2511, to amend title 40, United States Code, to provide the Marshal of the Supreme Court of the United States and Supreme Court Police with the authority to protect the Chief Justice of the United States, any Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and other individuals in any location, and the nominations of Halil Suleyman Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, David B. Barlow, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, John Fitzgerald Kness, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, R. Austin Huffaker, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, Lee Philip Rudofsky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Justin Reed Walker, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, Eleni Maria Roumel, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Steven J. Menashi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Karen Spencer Marston, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Richard Earnest Myers II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Anuraag Singhal, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Kenneth Charles Canterbury, Jr., of South Carolina, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and David M. DeVillers, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* September 25, to hold hearings to examine toxic exposure, focusing on examining the Department of Veterans Affairs's presumptive disability decision-making process, 10 a.m., SR–418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* September 24, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

September 26, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH–219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* September 25, to hold hearings to examine promoting healthy aging, focusing on living your best life long into your golden years, 10:15 a.m., SD–562.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* September 26, Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, hearing entitled “The National Forest System: Restoring our Forest Infrastructure”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* September 25, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “International Food Assistance Programs at USDA and USAID”, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing entitled “Federal Trade Commission: Protecting Consumers and Fostering Competition in the 21st Century”, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Re-

lated Agencies, hearing entitled “Investments in Medical Research at Five Institutes and Centers of the National Institutes of Health”, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing: FAA Aviation Certification”, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing entitled “IRS Oversight: Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration”, 3 p.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* September 25, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “Status of the B61–12 Life Extension and W88 Alteration–370 Programs”, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* September 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled “America's Infrastructure: Today's Gaps, Tomorrow's Opportunities, and the Need for Federal Investment”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* September 25, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2474, the “Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2019”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Misclassification of Employees: Examining the Costs to Workers, Businesses, and the Economy”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Making Health Care More Affordable: Lowering Drug Prices and Increasing Transparency”, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* September 25, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Sounding the Alarm: The Public Health Threats of E-Cigarettes”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Making Prescription Drugs More Affordable: Legislation to Negotiate a Better Deal for Americans”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 27, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Legislating to Secure America's Wireless Future”, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* September 25, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions, hearing entitled “Promoting Financial Stability: Assessing Threats to the U.S. Financial System”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development, and Insurance, hearing entitled “Protecting Seniors: A Review of the FHA's Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Program”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining Legislation to Protect Consumers and Small Business Owners from Abusive Debt Collection Practices”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 26, Task Force on Financial Technology, hearing entitled “The Future of Real-Time Payments”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* September 25, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 543, recognizing Hong

Kong's bilateral relationship with the United States, condemning the interference of the People's Republic of China in Hong Kong's affairs, and supporting the people of Hong Kong's right to protest; H.R. 3289, the "Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019"; H. Res. 517, supporting the Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis (TB), malaria, and its Sixth Replenishment; H. Res. 387, condemning continued violence against civilians by armed groups in the Central African Republic and supporting efforts to achieve a lasting political solution to the conflict; H. Res. 552, calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to provide evidence of wrongdoing or to release United States citizen Paul Whelan; H.R. 4270, the "PROTECT Hong Kong Act"; and H. Res. 521, commending the Government of Canada for upholding the rule of law and expressing concern over actions by the Government of the People's Republic of China in response to a request from the United States Government to the Government of Canada for the extradition of a Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd., executive, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade, hearing entitled "Assessing the Impact of Cutting Foreign Assistance to Central America", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 26, Full Committee; and Full Committee of the House Committee on Natural Resources, joint hearing entitled "Sustaining U.S. Pacific Insular Relationships", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation, hearing entitled "U.S. Nonproliferation Policy and the FY 2020 Budget", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, September 25, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1975, the "Cybersecurity Advisory Committee Authorization Act of 2019"; H.R. 4432, the "Protecting Critical Infrastructure Against Drones and Emerging Threats Act"; and legislation on the National Commission on Online Platforms and Homeland Security Act, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

September 26, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery, hearing entitled "Engaging the Community: Perspectives on School Security", 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

September 26, Subcommittee on Oversight, Management and Accountability, hearing entitled "Oversight of ICE Detention Facilities: Is DHS Doing Enough?", 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

September 26, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Community Responses to Gun Violence in our Cities", 12 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, September 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Election Commission", 9 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, September 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Protecting America from Assault Weapons", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship, hearing entitled "The Expansion and Troubling Use of ICE Detention", 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled "The Federal Judiciary in the 21st Century: Ensuring the Public's Right of Access to the Courts", 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Community Responses to Gun Violence in our Cities", 12 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

September 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Securing America's Elections", 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, September 25, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 729, the "Tribal Coastal Resiliency Act"; H.R. 925, the "North American Wetlands Conservation Extension Act"; H.R. 1472, to rename the Homestead National Monument of America near Beatrice, Nebraska, as the Homestead National Historical Park; H.R. 1487, the "Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Study Act"; H.R. 1492, the "Yucca House National Monument Boundary Revision Act"; H.R. 1747, the "National Fish Habitat Conservation Through Partnerships Act"; H.R. 2185, the "District of Columbia Flood Prevention Act of 2019"; H.R. 3115, the "Living Shorelines Act of 2019"; H.R. 3541, the "Coastal State Climate Preparedness Act of 2019"; and H.R. 3596, the "Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 25, Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing entitled "Advance Appropriations: Protecting Tribal Communities from the Effects of a Government Shutdown", 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Department of the Interior's Failure to Cooperate with Congressional Oversight Requests", 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform*, September 25, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled "NextGen Feds: Recruiting the Next Generation of Public Servants", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled "The Administration's Decision to Deport Critically Ill Children and Their Families", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, September 25, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4373, the "Engineering Biology Research and Development Act of 2019"; H.R. 4372, the "MSI STEM Achievement Act"; and H.R. 4355, the "Identifying Outputs of Generative Adversarial Networks Act", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Understanding, Forecasting, and Communicating Extreme Weather in a Changing Climate", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled "Online Imposters and Disinformation", 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, September 25, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4406, the "Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act of 2019"; H.R. 4405, the "Women's Business Centers Improvements Act of 2019"; H.R. 4407, the "SCORE for Small Business

Act of 2019”; H.R. 4387, to establish Growth Accelerator Fund Competition within the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes, 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

September 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled “SBA Management Review: Small Business Investment Company Program”, 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, September 25, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Landlord and Tenant: The Trump Administration’s Oversight of the Trump International Hotel Lease”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Coast Guard and Port Infrastructure: Built to Last?”, 2 p.m., 2253 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “A Work in Progress: Implementation of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, September 25, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “MISSION Critical: Care in the Community Update”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

September 26, Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, hearing entitled “The Future of VA Scheduling: Implementing a Commercial Off the Shelf Scheduling Solution at the Department of Veterans Affairs”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, September 26, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “The Public Health Consequences and Costs of Gun Violence”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, September 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Witness Interview”, 9:30 a.m., HVC–304. This hearing is closed.

September 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Whistleblower Disclosure”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Select Committee on the Climate Crisis*, September 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Solving the Climate Crisis: Reducing Industrial Emissions Through U.S. Innovation”, 2 p.m., HVC–210.

*Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress*, September 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Promoting Civility and Building a More Collaborative Congress”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.